

secretary shall have the same printed as engrossed."

And the fifty-third rule, I think, can only be suspended by a three-fifths vote, under the forty-ninth rule.

Mr. STIRLING. Does not that construction nullify the fifteenth rule altogether? That rule reads—

"Every report from a committee containing articles or sections proposed to be made a part of the Constitution, shall be read on three different days of the session previous to its adoption, unless two-thirds of the members present otherwise determine; the first of which readings shall be by the title only, unless a majority of the members present shall otherwise order."

Now, if "two-thirds of the members present otherwise determine," a report can be read twice on the same day.

Mr. CLARKE. The two-thirds vote I think should apply only to the first and second readings. We have now reached the third reading of this report, and the fifty-third rule says that it shall be engrossed and printed before it is read the third time. Now, if you can have it engrossed and printed and laid before us for our action to-day, then the fifteenth rule would apply to the third reading also, and a two-thirds vote could suspend the rule, and we could then put the report upon its final passage. But unless that can be done, the fifty-third rule must govern; and as there is no provision in that rule for its suspension, then you must fall back upon the forty-ninth rule, which requires a three-fifths vote for suspension.

The PRESIDENT. The fifteenth rule being applicable to reports of committees, the Convention by adopting it has declared that two-thirds of those present can determine what they please in regard to the readings of the reports, whether the first, second or third reading.

Mr. BRISCOE. There is no necessity for pressing final action upon this report to-day. The gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling) has notified us that the world is moving, and unless we keep pace with it, it will get ahead of us. I think he need have no fear of that, for we have too much the start. There is but a slim attendance here to-day, and it may be that there are some provisions which have heretofore been incorporated into this Bill of Rights to which gentlemen desire to give further consideration. One of the members of this body has been compelled to be absent until to-day, much to the regret of the House, I am sure. He (Mr. Dent) is here now, but has had no opportunity to acquaint himself with the provisions in this Bill of Rights, and therefore cannot vote understandingly upon it at this time. I therefore submit the following as a substitute for the motion of the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling):

"Ordered, That the Bill of Rights, as amended on its second reading, be engrossed and printed, and laid upon the tables of members; and that it stand for its third reading on Monday next, and that it be made the special order for that day at one o'clock, P. M."

Mr. DANIEL. It seems to me that if we had already suspended the rule, then the motion of the gentleman from Calvert (Mr. Briscoe) would be in order, as relating to the time for the third reading to take place. But upon the simple motion to suspend the rule, it does seem to me that his substitute is not in order.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair is of opinion that the proposition of the gentleman from Calvert (Mr. Briscoe) is not strictly germane to the pending proposition. The first question properly before the Convention is upon the motion to suspend the rule. After that question has been determined, then the motion of the gentleman from Calvert (Mr. Briscoe) will be in order.

Upon the question of suspending the rule, Mr. BRISCOE called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question being then taken, by yeas and nays, it resulted—yeas 49, nays 18—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Carter, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Earle, Ecker, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Larsh, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Noble, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Wickard, Wooden—40.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Belt, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Dent, Edelen, Hollyday, Lansdale, Miller, Morgan, Peter, Stockbridge, Thomas—18.

The rule was suspended accordingly.

Mr. BRISCOE. I now submit my motion.

The PRESIDENT. The Convention having agreed to the motion of the gentleman from Baltimore city (Mr. Stirling) to suspend the rule in order that this report may now be read the third time, the Chair regards that as equivalent to ordering the third reading of the report. The Secretary will therefore proceed to read the report the third time.

The Secretary commenced the reading of the report; but before he had concluded the reading,

Mr. HEBB moved that so much be considered the third reading of the report—which was agreed to.

The question was upon the final adoption of the report.

Mr. BRISCOE submitted the following:

"Ordered, That the Bill of Rights, as amended on its second reading, be engrossed